

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 1754**

PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application : John Wilhelm Geus, et al.
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 For : CATALYST AND METHOD FOR THE SELECTIVE
 OXIDATION OF SULFUR COMPOUNDS
 ELEMENTAL SULFUR
 Attorney's Docket : VER-110AX

Group Art Unit: 1754

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2003,
 Applicant responds as follows.